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A reply to a letter dated June 24, 1975 from Senator Frank Church (copy transmitted herewith) is being prepared in the Bureau of East Asian Affairs. We have found no reports or memoranda in State Department records for the period 1966 - 1974 on Gulf Oil political contributions to Korean politicians. We assume that there are no CIA reports on the same subject for the same period, but to guard against the embarrassment that would result if it should turn out that there were such reports, received by State, but not filed in the subject files that we have searched, we would appreciate confirmation that [redacted] no such reports exist.

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June 24, 1975

The Honorable
Henry A. Kissinger
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations has heard testimony from Mr. B. R. Dorsey, Chairman of Gulf Oil, indicating that on behalf of Gulf he arranged Korean political contributions of \$4 million.

It has been suggested to the Subcommittee that the U. S. Ambassador in Korea at that time was aware of the contributions and communicated with the State Department about them.

It would be extremely useful to the Subcommittee's work if you would make available copies of all reports and memoranda relating to Gulf's political contributions and resulting State Department consideration of the question.

In addition, in connection with its inquiry, the Subcommittee is studying the activities of Mr. Tongsun Park, who has been mentioned as a possible recipient of payments from American firms for assistance in negotiating Korean contracts. We would greatly appreciate your making available to the staff of the Subcommittee, on an appropriate basis, all of your files relating or referring to Mr. Park.

A prompt response will go a long way to speeding the Subcommittee's work.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Frank Church
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Chairman, Subcommittee on
Multinational Corporations